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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 14TH, 1905.

We presume that most, if not all, of our readers know what is meant by the Shanghai Mixed Court, a tribunal where a sort of justice is dispensed by a Chinese magistrate assisted by a European. The European is supposed to participate in the judgments pronounced; and the object of his presence is, of course, to prevent as far as possible those varieties of native justiciary methods which are repugnant to the more tender heart of the Occidental. The mixture of methods has arisen from the anomalous conditions prevailing owing to the omission to make Shanghai really and truly a foreign settlement. It is still Chinese territory, nominally, and the Chinese residents are Chinese subjects, subject to Chinese jurisdiction. But Shanghai could not countenance in its very midst the old notorious customs of Chinese law. Augmented apparently by the policy of an anti-foreign Taotai, the jealousy and mistrust of the rival elements at the Mixed Court have for a long time been very pronounced. The Europeans interfered in the matter of the lock-ups at the Mixed Court, and succeeded in having the typical Chinese des substituted by apartments more consistent with the foreign treatment of the innocent or unconvicted accused. They also found it necessary to take steps to see that judgments pronounced by the mixed tribunal were not secretly revoked or nullified by an informal native tribunal. Particularly in the treatment of female prisoners were the Chinese

officials averse to reform; and it is evident that the more or less veiled hostility and resentment on this head came to a crisis on the 8th instant, as set forth in the startling report which we reproduce from a copy of the N. C. Daily News received last evening. In this case it will be noted that the girls in question were not prisoners, not accused, but victims of a cruel feature of Chinese society. They also appear to have been of tender years. Under these circumstances, we conceive that not even the most bigotted foreign upholder of the rights of the Chinese will sympathise with the side which wished to thrust these children (infinitely more sinned against than sinning) into the cells at the Mixed Court, pending the adjourned hearing. The Chinese officials, notably the Viceroy at Nanking, the Taotai at Shanghai, and their creatures, insist that this Court is a Chinese Court. The Europeans insist that it is not, and are determined to protect the Chinese who take refuge in the Settlement from the treatment to which they are exposed outside. The Chinese point of view may be described as patriotic; it is certainly anti-foreign and Chauvinistic in its spirit; and in its results, if successfully established, would be disastrous to Chinese as well as to the settlement. The European attitude is usually described as purely humane in character, but there is no doubt a good deal of policy about it. But whatever criticism one side may advance against the other, it is certain that accomplished facts must be faced. Shanghai is a place of foreign residence, the land in foreign ownership, and must now, for all time, be administered according to foreign ideas. There must be no "squeeze" of piddin or persecution there; and since the Chinese who are so eager to reassert their rights are of the sort who cling hardest to old and bad customs; they must be rigorously put into their place. We can readily believe that our contemporary expresses the position appropriately in saying that "the wave of exaltation that has come over the Chinese since Japan so easily defeated the big Power, which has fascinated China for years, as the python does the rabbit, must be checked before it becomes dangerous."

Yesterday afternoon the Fire Brigade received a call that there was a fire at Wanchai, but on proceeding there the alarm was proved to be false.

Mr. Chesney Duncan, editor of the Straits Echo, is reported to be seriously ill of bronchitis and cerebral symptoms, the result of overwork.

Seventeen "undesirables" were landed here on Tuesday from Singapore, but the local authorities despatched most of them to Canton the following day.

We learn that the ships of the British Fleet now in the harbour will leave about the 23rd inst., probably for practice in Mira Bay, but the Admiral is expected to return before the end of the month.

This evening (Thursday) at 9 p.m. Mr. Frank Brown (Government Analyst) will deliver a lecture to the U. C. Literary Club on "The Earth," the extraction of valuable constituents (with metallurgical illustrations). Mr. H. Hursthouse will take the chair at 9 p.m. sharp.

A foreman mason was killed in the Naval Yard on Tuesday. While superintending cordage engaged in building work, a mishap occurred at the crane, as the result of which the brake failed to act and the boom fell to the ground, crushing the foreman under it. He only lived a few minutes after being released.

We received yesterday, from Mr. John S. Thomson, of Montreal, Canada (who states that he was the Hongkong agent of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. four or five years ago), a letter giving what he describes as "evidence of the unpopularity" of that company. We may not publish them, as they are in the shape of a too strong indictment of the manager, at San Francisco.

Colonel Haig's Chief paymaster on the South China Station is on the sick-list, and will in all probability be invalided home for six months, proceeding in the *Dunera*. Captains John R. Gale and Marchant are carrying on the work of the Army Pay Department in the officer's absence, the duty of chief paymaster and treasury chest officer being performed by Capt. Gale.

There has been some trouble with the soldiers on the Russian steamer *Betty* and the transport *Lerovia*, now in Singapore. The men were discontented with the quality of the salt junk provided for them, but the matter was amicably settled by the Russian Consul. It was rumoured that the men of the Russian battleship *Csarvitch* were bordering on a state of mutiny caused by the bad food. A representative of the *Straits Times* called on Mr. Storchbitchoff of the Russian Volunteer Fleet Agency and was informed that the crew of the battleship were "quite happy and content." The trouble on the *Betty* and *Lerovia* had been "settled satisfactorily."

Messrs. Gregor & Co. practically constitute in this Colony an Advertising College. They are frequently teaching some new method of attracting public interest. In our business columns to-day they announce their latest idea, — that of returning to all purchasers on a certain day (which chance has to decide) half of the money paid for purchases from them on that day. It will be one of the days between the 14th and 23rd inst.; and the firm takes no part in the drawing of the date.

The Count de Lesclapart and his wife, who started on their honeymoon trip from Peking and travelled to Tibet and through unexplored tracts of that mysterious land, have arrived safely at Darjeeling. The Count, who was attached to the French Legation at Peking, travelled in a direct line west until he reached north of Lhasse. One of the most interesting results of the journey is said to be the Count's discovery of the Yangtze-kiaing. The Count is returning to China to rejoin the diplomatic service.

South Africa is making the exclusion of Asiatics more stringent. A new regulation forbids any Indian entering Cape Colony unless he has his domicile in South Africa and either possesses £20, or is able to write a European language, is the owner of a business, and has the intention of bringing a wife and family into the country, or of making a permanent home in South Africa. This would constitute a domicile. And South Africa is the chosen abiding-place of Imperialism!

Pine-apple growers in the New Territory may be glad of this advice. The Curator of the Botanic Station at Dominica makes the following suggestions with regard to the desirability of shading pine-apples during the fruiting period:—An experiment was made in shading pine-apple plants from the time of flowering until the fruit was ready to be cut. The effect was very marked, the shaded plants being healthier and the fruit more perfect in shape than those unshaded. Probably pine plants would benefit, if grown under light shade from the time of planting, as in Florida, but in any case it is necessary to shade during the fruiting period, if the best results are desired. To shade beds of plants is not an expensive matter. Forked sticks, bamboos, and palm leaves are generally easily obtainable, and are very suitable for the work.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. Aitkin and Officers, the band of the 119th Infantry will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel during dinner, on Thursday, 14th Dec.:

March..... "War March of the Priests from Athlone" Mendelssohn  
Overture..... "Tancredi" Rossini  
Waltz..... "Donnan Weller" Ivanovic  
Selection..... "San Toy" S. Jones  
Selection..... "The Yellow Girl" Morris  
Kond Dance..... "Ship Girl" Caryl  
Cak Walk..... "Jolly Negroes" R. Berger  
Dinner Menu..... Hors d'Oeuvre—Caviars on Toast, Scups—Tomato, Ox Tail, Fish—Boiled and Shrimps Sauce, Entrees—Pate de Foie-gras en Aspic, Salmi of Pigeon, Phoenix Patties, Curry—Rabbit, Joint—Roast Saddle of Mutton and Red Currant Jelly, Roast Turkey and Bread Sauce, Cold Mutton—York Ham, Hind of Beef, Salad—Beveridge, Vegetables—Boiled Potatoes, Fried Potatoes, Cauliflower, Sweet Corn, Boiled Rice, Entrmees—Chocolate Pudding, Strawberry Ice Cream and Finger Cakes. Fruit—Cheese—Coffee.

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

12th December.  
PROVINCIAL BANK.  
Some months ago Chang Yu Luk, the experienced judge of Canton, memorialized Viceroy Shun on the subject of the establishment of a Provincial Bank in Canton with a capital of one million taels. He stated that the bank could collect the provincial revenue (Tls. 5,000,000) and remit same to Peking periodically. It is said that Viceroy Shun has sanctioned the opening of this Bank.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.  
The doings of the evil spirits believed to be haunting the city at present still occupy the public mind. Every evening news comes of the removal of queues in a mysterious manner. The police are keeping a vigilant watch and in the course of time one of these ghostly barbers may be caught. Then the scare will be ended.

CHAU-TUNG-SANG'S AFFAIRS.  
The Nam-Hoi has been very busy within the past few days, preparing, with the collaboration of several contractors, a valuation report of Chau-Tung-sang's family residence in the Po-Wah-Ching, Cheung-Yuk. The report will be ready in a few days and tenders will be invited for the purchase of this magnificent property. The land, together with the buildings thereon, is said to be valued at Tl. 100,000 at least.

QUAINT CHINESE SABOASM.  
The Yung-Tak Magistrate, whose term of office has just expired, left his prefecture on the 6th inst. He is said to have been very unpopular among the inhabitants of that prefecture. They gave expression to their dissatisfaction at the way in which he administered the prefecture's affairs by placing a hundred straw dummies near the wharf from which he was to embark. No real people were present to see him off.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 12th inst., and left again at midnight same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 3 a.m. on Saturday, the 18th inst.  
The C.P.R. str. *Albatross* left Vancouver on Monday, the 11th inst., p.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.  
The str. C. *Asper*, from Calcutta, left Singapore yesterday noon, and may be expected here on the 18th inst.  
The A.L. str. *China* left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., p.m., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

## TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

### THE NEW MINISTRY.

LONDON, 13th December.

The Hon. Winston Churchill has been appointed Under Secretary for the Colonies; Mr. Herbert Samuel, Under Home Secretary; Earl Portsmouth, Under Secretary for War; Mr. Edmund Robertson, Secretary to the Admiralty. The new Attorney General is Mr. John Lawson-Walton, K.C.; Mr. W. S. Robson, K.C., becomes Solicitor General; and Mr. Thomas Shaw is Lord Advocate.

### RUSSIAN STRIKE ENDED.

LONDON, 13th December.

The general strike in Russia has been abandoned.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

### THE NEW CABINET.

LONDON, 11th December.

It is agreed on all sides that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has enlisted a Cabinet of the strongest men of the party, excluding Lord Rosebery. Even the Unionists admit it is good and capable.

The appointment of Lord Elgin (Secretary of State for the Colonies), has been favourably received. The combination of Lord Aberdeen and Mr. J. Bryce is regarded as an indication of an active Home Rule policy.

The new Ministers have been all installed. Mr. George Whiteley has been appointed Chief Government Whip.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has been created a Viscount.

### RUSSIAN POLAND.

LONDON, 11th December.

It is reported that the whole of the garrison in Warsaw has mutinied.

### FOOCHOW RACES.

The Foochow Races opened on Tuesday, the results to hand yesterday being:—Stewards' Cup, Mr. Bridge's Tiara, Maiden Stakes, Mr. Stella's Baccantur, Totalisator Cup, Mr. Oswald's Cross-in-hand, The Min Stakes, Mr. Min's Copside, The Captain, Hope Challenge Cup, Tiara, The Heck Stakes, Mr. W. Shaw's E. Ban (late Merida), The Teasem's Cup, Mr. Min's Meas, The Mandarin's Cup, Baccantur.

### THE "STRANDING" OF THE YINGKING.

CONTRADICTED: INCIDENT EXPLAINED.

Capt. E. J. Page of the steamer *Yingking* called yesterday to inform us that the word "stranded" in our telegram from Canton was quite uncalled for. He explained that when he reached the Flats, he found there was not sufficient water to carry him over, and simply anchored and waited till there was. This, we readily admitted, was a different thing to a stranding. We gathered from the captain, whose natural annoyance we sympathised with, that if there was any grumbling among the saloon passengers, it was confined to one gentleman, who was called but did not hearken.

### IMPENDING ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

RETIREMENT OF SIR PAUL CHATER.

Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., who has represented the Justices of the Peace on the Legislative Council for nineteen years, has announced his intention to retire on the expiration of his present term—at the end of the present year—and a meeting of the Justices has been convened for the 21st inst. to appoint a successor. The term for which the representative of the Justices is appointed is six years, and when re-elected on the last occasion Sir Paul, accepted with reluctance and in a short speech to the Justices intimated that he would definitely make way for new blood on the completion of the present term. That intention is now about to be fulfilled, and Sir Paul has proposed as his successor Mr. H. W. Slade (of Messrs. Gilman & Co.), Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The nomination is seconded by Mr. J. R. M. Smith, Mr. E. A. Howell, superintendent of the P. and O. Company, and Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, has also been nominated. Mr. A. G. Wood proposing and Mr. E. W. Mitchell seconding. We understand that other nominations are not improbable.

Since the above was written we learn that Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., has been requested to offer himself as a candidate for the position and has consented to nomination.

At a sale of valuable books conducted by Hodgson and Co. a copy of Captain F. Brinkley's "Japan, its History, Arts, and Literature," 1903, one of 35 copies of the *édition de luxe*, 12 vols., realised £10 15s.

## SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 13th December.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE) and MR. A. G. WISE (PUISSNE JUDGE).

TAM MAN SAM v. TAM YAU AND CHEUNG, SAN FANG.

This was a notice of motion to vary an order made in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction on November 4th. Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. Stevenson) appeared for the appellants, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis) appeared for the respondents.

In delivering the judgment of the full court his Honour the Chief Justice said:—The defendants obtained judgment in summary jurisdiction in an action brought to recover \$500 as return of a certain deposit, and \$500 damages. The plaintiff applied to the Full Court for leave to appeal in respect of that part of the judgment only which related to the return of the deposit. This application was made ex parte; the plaintiff at the same time applied for the stay of execution. The defendants afterwards moved ex parte to vary the order, and obtained a rule to show cause. This was argued before the Full Court; the Full Court has, therefore, set in this matter on three ex parte occasions. We have some doubt whether the application for such should have been made ex parte, as it is obviously a question on which the respondents may have something to say. As, however, the respondents have not acquiesced in the order, any apparent irregularity (supposing it to be such) can be looked upon as waived, and the motion before us may be taken as if the appellant had obtained a rule to show cause, and the argument on the motion to vary the order is the argument on the rule. We think that, in future, in order to save costs and multiplicity of motions, that notice should be given to the other side if the party desiring leave to appeal intends to apply for a stay of execution. It will then be open for the opposite party to appear on the motion to argue this question of stay, if he so advised. He will, of course, not be heard on the motion for leave to appeal. Dealing, now, with the motion before us, the respondents relied on the practice under O. 53, R. 16, and cited several cases which seem to establish the rule that execution as to costs will not be stayed unless the respondents' solicitors decline to give an undertaking to refund any costs subsequently found due to the appellant in the event of his succeeding. It does not seem necessary to examine the cases at any length in order to ascertain whether this is the usual rule, or whether the Court has a discretion as to acting on it or not, because we are of opinion that the rules which govern the interpretation of that order have no application to the present case. The principles which govern stay of execution for costs, where the appeal is of right, do not of necessity apply where leave to appeal is to be obtained. In such a case the Court has to go, to a certain extent, into the merits of the case, and requires a *prima facie* case to be established that there is at least a possibility of the judgment being reversed. This being so, the right which the successful party in the Court below has to retain the costs he is entitled to under the judgment, cannot be put so high as in the case where the unsuccessful party avails himself of his right to appeal. We think that whatever the exact rule as to the solicitors undertaking may be, it is based on the fact that *prima facie* the judgment of the court below is right. There the *prima facie* is the other way, and it therefore seems more reasonable that the stay of execution as to costs should be absolutely on the discretion of the Court. I agree that in ordinary cases where only part of the judgment is appealed from, the stay would only be as to so much of the costs as relate to that part of the judgment, but this must be included in the discretion which the Court is called upon to exercise. My learned brother thought, and intended to make such order; and on the hearing of the respondents ex parte application I also thought that this should have been the order. But then, as I expressly stated at the time, I was under the impression that the costs of the two issues could be divided. Now, when the case is threshed out by both sides, it appears that the costs are incapable of division, except in regard to a very minute sum, whether they will go to the appellant if he succeeds is another matter to be determined on the hearing of the appeal. But as there is a possibility that he may get them, the proper order is that there should be a stay of execution as to costs. We think the justice of the case requires that the costs of this application be costs in the cause.

His Lordship—Is your point that there should be no application in chambers?

Mr. Pollock—Yes.

His Lordship—If that could be eliminated it would save costs. What is the rule with regard to proceeding ex parte in an ordinary action?

Mr. Pollock referred his Lordship to sections 50 and 52 of the Code.

His Lordship—In future there will simply be the usual application to the Registrar to fix a day.

Mr. Pollock—Your Lordship will see from the statement of claim filed that the plaintiffs are claiming for \$5,000, cash advanced on the 16th ultimo. Two promissory notes were given on that date for the amount, one for \$3,000 and the other for \$2,000.

Luk Pak Han, sworn, said he was the managing partner of the plaintiff firm, which carried on business at 6 Wing Lok Street. The plaintiff advanced the sum of \$5,000 to the defendant on the 16th November, and he gave them an acknowledgment. The whole amount was still due and owing. Witnesses did not know where defendant was, although he had had people looking for him until yesterday.

Mr. Pollock had he had attached the property of the defendant on account of money owing to other creditors, as well as the one before the Court. He would ask for execution with regard to that.

His Lordship—On the last occasion, when I gave judgment it was general, because the writ was a general writ of attachment.

Mr. Pollock—With regard to the question of execution?

His Lordship—Execution had best be limited to the movable property of the defendant registered in his name under a memorial, and attached by the plaintiffs. Judgment will be given as prayed, together with interest claimed and costs.

### A SIMILAR APPLICATION.

Mr. Pollock made a second application against the defendant, the plaintiff being the Ming San Pon bank.

Mr. Pollock stated that the claim of the plaintiffs was for \$10,000 lent to the defendant on the 24th September, and a second \$10,000 advanced on the 27th of the same month; in all, \$20,000, together with interest and costs.

Leung Hok San, manager of the plaintiff bank, gave evidence as to the advance of the money, after which his Lordship gave judgment as prayed together with interest and costs.

### IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUISSNE JUDGE).

### AN OLD DEBT.

The Lok Kee firm claimed from Chai Sing Chi the sum of \$780, being balance due on money lent and interest thereon.

Mr. R. F. C. Master (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) represented the defendant.

Mr. Master said the claim was for \$780 being for interest and balance of principal lent by the plaintiff to the defendant who was under arrest. The principal was \$300, and interest had accumulated until it had reached \$780. He had received notice of two technical defences from the other side; one, under the Summary Jurisdiction Act, was that the claim was out of time, and the other came under Ordinance I. of 1851.

His Lordship—It would be very much more convenient, Mr. Grist, if, when you forward the other side notice of these objections, you would also supply the court with copies.

Mr. Grist handed same to his Lordship. His Lordship—Well, let's get on.

The managing partner of the plaintiff firm said the defendant borrowed \$300 from him for which he gave a promissory note. From time to time he had paid \$45 on account, but had refused to pay anything more.

After hearing further evidence, his Lordship said he was sorry he could do nothing for the defendant. He believed there was a swindle, but he must pay up. There would be judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

### HONGKONG'S "MR. PLOWDEN."

The *Japan Chronicle* writes:—There is a magistrate at Hongkong who appears to be afflicted with that sad complaint of which Mr. Plowden, a London ornament of the police bench, is a distinguished victim. The sufferer is impelled by some uncanny volition to make remarks intended to be humorous, but which, in persons of lower degree and less education, would be considered ill-mannered. During the hearing of a recent assault case at Hongkong, the prosecutor, who had been violently assaulted and robbed, was describing to "his Worship" the attack made upon him with a pole, when the "learned" magistrate interrupted with the remark, "Is the pole harder than his head?" The report states that the interpreter's reply was inaudible; perhaps it is as well for the "dignity of the bench" that it was.

today in Chambers under section 469 for leave for the plaintiffs to proceed to establish their claim, and the order was on the file.

His Lordship—There should be some statement that attempts have been made quite recently to find the defendant.

Mr. Pollock—I think that will appear from the evidence. Perhaps it would be useful if your Lordship gave a ruling under section 469 of the Code; you will remember that the solicitor appearing for the plaintiffs made an application yesterday for leave for the plaintiffs to proceed to establish their claim. I must confess that it seems to me that that application was unnecessary, section 469 says that after the issue of a writ the plaintiff may forthwith file his statement of claim and proceed to establish his claim.

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## POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 13th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (First Police Magistrate).

**THROWING COAL INTO THE HARBOUR.**  
 Loung Kan To, summoned for being in unlawful possession of coal, was said to have thrown a considerable quantity into the harbour to avoid seizure. Fined \$5.

## GENEROUS TREATMENT.

A German, named Charles Theodor Arnold, was brought up in custody charged with being a vagrant. He said he had no money and no work. He had come here by the French mail and tried without success to find something to do. He was a printer but had done railway work and would like to get to Canton where he had hopes of obtaining employment. His Worship asked where he had obtained the money to get drunk the previous night, and he replied that he had not some sailors. On promising to go to Canton, his Worship decided to give him \$9 from the poor box to pay his fare and expenses by the way.

## JAPANESE STOWAWAYS.

The case of the Japanese stowaways, remanded from last week, was taken. There were 15 in all—three males and 12 females. They were all charged with being stowaways on the *Sui Sang* and the three men were charged with aiding and abetting, but the charge was withdrawn against two, in order that they might give evidence.

The charge against the men was taken first. They denied the offence and declared they had paid their passage money to the boat-swain. They did not aid the women to stow themselves away. They brought them with the consent of their parents and paid their passage.

The second officer of the *Sui Sang* said they left Moji on 1st December and arrived at Hongkong on the 8th. He first saw the three defendants at midnight on the 7th along with the 12 women. The first man admitted they had all come down with the steamer from Moji. His Worship said that was not sufficient evidence against the other two men.

One of the women, called to give evidence, said she was a farmer. She had come down with the steamer and had seen one of the men on board at Moji.

The charge against the 15th defendant of aiding and abetting was heard. O. of the women said her father asked the defendant to take her here. She was to work in Hongkong as a servant. Her father paid her passage money, \$35.

The captain of the *Sui Sang* proved that the defendants were on board without permission. The ship was searched as usual by the Japanese police before leaving Moji but the defendants were not discovered. The 15th defendant said he paid \$480 to the Chinese boat-swain, this being the amount of the passage money of the girls and himself.

The 13th and 15th defendants were convicted of being stowaways, and the 14th defendant discharged, while the 15th defendant was also convicted of aiding and abetting, the question of penalty being left over until the Japanese consul had been contacted.

Other two Japanese, resident in Hongkong, were summoned for being on board the *Sui Sang* without permission, and also with aiding and abetting the stowaways. The latter charge was withdrawn, and prisoners pleaded guilty to the former.

The first defendant, who had been fined for a like offence, was ordered to pay \$50, and the second \$10.

The women were remanded till to-morrow.

BEFORE MR. C. D. McLELLAND (Acting Second Police Magistrate).

## A PICKPOCKET.

A man named Mok Wu was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and six hours in the stocks for pocket picking. On Tuesday a resident was standing at the Man Mo temple watching a showman, when he felt something in his pocket, and on turning round saw the defendant with his purse, which contained \$2.50, in his hand. The latter made to run off, but was seized by complainant. Defendant then dropped the purse and put his foot on it, but a constable coming up, he was taken in charge.

## THE ARSON CHARGE.

The two men charged with setting fire to their premises at 402 Des Voeux Road intending to defraud the Meiji and Prussian National Insurance Companies were again brought up. P.S. Fenton spoke to being called to the scene of the fire and seeing articles burning which were some distance apart.

P.C. Munday deposed to seeing a man, whom he had since recognised as the second defendant, walking to and fro in front of the premises, 402 Des Voeux Road.

Inspector Collett stated that he arrived at the scene of the fire a few minutes after midnight and, after placing the police, he entered the burning building. The staircase on the left was on fire and there was another fire three parts of the way back in the godown. He saw the table and bed on fire, but the flames were almost extinct. From the first floor he noticed some burning liquid dripping to the ground floor. There was a strong smell of kerosene, especially when the flames dropped through. At 10 o'clock next morning he visited the house at 402 Des Voeux Road, and, going to the first floor noticed a doorway which had been cut through to connect with 402. On the floor of the latter, near the top of the staircase, he saw some partially burned cases of tea lying loose. There were also about five or six partially burned cases containing ground nuts, and also cases of dried bean curd. Further back on the first floor

was a heap of bamboo leaves and shavings. On the front part of this floor was a large empty space, and he would say that the stock in the godown was decidedly small. After the fire, about 3 o'clock, he saw the first defendant at the Police Court. He noticed that his left hand smelt strongly of fresh kerosene, while there was also a smell of kerosene on his right hand. There was no trace of kerosene on his clothes which, however, smelt strongly of fire.

Cross-examined—The fire on the upper floor and the back part of the ground floor was fierce and would completely destroy such things as bamboo leaves and shavings or Chinese drags. Defendants were committed to take their trial at the Criminal Sessions.

## THE YUNNAN RAILWAY.

VICEROY SHUM AND THE LABOUR DIFFICULTY.

The Société de Construction de Chemin de fer Indo-Chinois, which is making the line from Lachau to Yunnan, has been experiencing considerable trouble in connection with their supply of Chinese labour. We understand that the line will traverse many miles of country in the Yunnan province which is at present very sparsely populated and the Railway Company has consequently had to recruit coolies in the provinces of Kwangsi and Kwangtung. Through the good offices of the French Consul at Canton the Railway Company last year secured the support of the Viceroy in this direction, but in consequence of allegations of ill-treatment the supply of labour from the two Kwang provinces was prohibited. The French Consul was moreover requested to cable to the Company to send back to Canton all the labourers recruited in the province, and the Viceroy of Yunnan was at the same time instructed to investigate the allegations of ill-treatment and to secure adequate protection for the coolies.

In a proclamation just issued by the Viceroy of Canton, His Excellency, after referring to the circumstances mentioned above, announces that he has received a telegram from the Viceroy of Yunnan stating that the French Consul there urges that labourers are greatly needed for the work on the line. Cantonese labourers, he said, are best fitted for the work. He explained that the late trouble arose through unsatisfactory relations between the foreign and Cantonese labour contractors resulting in the labourers giving up their work. Thus a considerable sum of money was wasted. The Yunnan Viceroy now asked that a new arrangement should be entered into with the French Consul in Canton under which an office should be opened in Canton for recruiting labourers willing to proceed to Yunnan. The Railway Company would undertake to keep their foreign employees under proper control and require them to strictly comply with all conditions of the arrangement made, and they would guarantee that there will be no repetition of the late occurrences. The proclamation further states that the Office in charge of Foreign Affairs has had consultations with the French Consul in Canton, and had reported that the Railway Company admitted that the late arrangement had not been satisfactorily carried out, and were desirous of entering into a new arrangement. They asked that an officer (representing the Canton Government) should be sent to Yunnan to watch the interests of the labourers sent there, the Company being willing to provide quarters for the officer and to pay his salary. The Company further agreed to deposit a sum of money with a bank in Canton as security for the fulfilment of the conditions of the arrangement, and in the event of any deductions made from the wages of labourers, or any violation of the agreement the sum deposited will be available for making good any losses thereby incurred. The Company would undertake in cases of sickness to provide proper attention for the sick and to bear all medical expenses, and in case of death the Company would defray funeral expenses and give ample compensation to the relatives of such deceased persons. The Company has, therefore, entreated the Viceroy to annul the proclamation prohibiting the migration of labourers to Yunnan.

The Viceroy suggests that if these undertakings are faithfully performed and the officer deputed to watch the interests of the labourers affords them due protection, the proposal will help to alleviate distress among the labouring classes of the province. But before consenting to annul the prohibition, His Excellency publicly requests all who have had any complaint to make against the company to send to him within a month from the issue of the proclamation a statement of the facts, and he invites suggestions for consideration with a view to ensuring the protection of the labourers' interests. His Excellency also requests all who are willing or unwilling to proceed to Yunnan to work on the railway to report themselves to the Yamen direct or through the Commercial Bureau within a month. After the expiration of one month, if no opposition is offered to the proposals, His Excellency announces that he will take it that the people are willing to be invited, and he will then make an agreement with the French Consul. If any person, before the cancelling of the prohibition, surreptitiously engages workmen to proceed to Yunnan, he will, upon discovery, be arrested and punished with the utmost rigour of the law. The proclamation, it is added, is issued for the public information, and the people of the whole province are required to obey it.

It has been known for some time past that the Kawasaki Dockyard Company has been seeking foreign capital, and negotiations, we believe, are now in progress for a loan of £7,000,000. It is now reported that the company has decided to increase its capital by £6,000,000, making the total capital £13,000,000.

## THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

The 31st report to the shareholders says—Gentlemen, the directors submit to you the annexed statement of the liabilities and assets of the company, and the profit and loss account for the half-year, ended September 30th, 1905.

The gross profits of the company for the past half-year amount to Yen 4,077,808.764, out of which there has been paid:

	Yen.
Depreciation of the company's fleet and property	733,611.360
Insurance fund	303,470.650
Ship's structural repair fund	455,906.370
Special repair and renewal fund for steamers in transport service	1,000,000.000
	Yen 2,532,988.380

leaving a balance of Yen 2,519,104.860, including Yen 994,234.476 brought forward from the last account.

The directors now propose that Yen 76,241,020 be added to the reserve fund, raising it to Yen 2,209,579,896; and that Yen 71,358,110 be allowed as directors' and auditors' fees. From the remainder the directors recommend a dividend at the rate of ten per cent, together with two per cent as special dividend, thus making twelve per cent per annum, which will absorb Yen 1,320,000.000.

The balance, Yen 1,061,505.731, will be carried forward to the next account.

REMPEI KONDO, Chairman.

BALANCE SHEET.	
30th December, 1905.	
Assets.	Liabilities.
Share capital	22,000,000.000
Debentures	600,000.000
Insurance fund	303,470.650
Ship's structural repair fund	455,906.370
Special repair and renewal fund for steamers in transport service	1,000,000.000
Reserve fund	2,133,378.170
Dividend in arrears	3,304,000.000
Fund for the extension of services and improvement of the fleet	3,500,000.000
Pension fund for employees	553,230.830
Sundry creditors	4,080,422.322
Amount brought forward from last account	994,234.476
Not profit for the half-year	1,524,820.380
	Yen 47,374,016.416

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
Yen.	
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To special repair and renewal fund for steamers in transport service	1,000,000.000
To reserve fund	76,241.020
To directors' and auditors' fees	71,358.110
To dividend (10 per cent)	1,100,000.000
To special dividend (2 per cent)	220,000.000
To balance carried forward to next account	1,061,505.731
	Yen 5,072,093.240

NAVAL AND MILITARY.	
By balance brought forward 31st March, 1905	994,234.476
By amount of gross profits for the half-year, ended 30th September, 1905	4,077,808.764
	Yen 5,072,093.240

The allowance of £100 per annum issued to field companies of Engineers, Volunteers, Transport, &c., is also to cover the maintenance of harness and saddlery in a serviceable condition.

It has been notified with reference to the revised organization of Field Army Medical units, that field ambulances and cavalry field artillery will now take the place of bearer companies and field hospitals.

The Admiralty having had their attention called to an excess of expenditure on the amount allowed for the travelling expenses of officers, have issued instructions that care is to be exercised in the spending of money for this purpose.

Orders have been issued that Trincomali is not now a saluting station, and, in consequence of several of His Majesty's ships having saluted the port of Suva during the present year, the attention of officers commanding warships has been drawn to the fact that the saluting station there has been abolished.

At the battle practice in the Mediterranean recently, the *Leviathan*, with 59 hits, beat the *King Edward VII*, flagship of the Atlantic fleet, by eight hits. Lord Charles Beresford assembled the crew and complimented them on their brilliant shooting, which he characterised as being the finest he had seen during his 46 years of service.

Only one more compulsory retirement on the general's list will occur this year, viz., that of Gen. Lord W. F. Symonds, K.C.V.O., under the age rules on the 8th prox. Lord Symonds, who entered the army in 1855, having previously served for four years in the navy, was promoted general in 1902, and is at present Lieutenant of the Tower of London. The vacancy will, in the ordinary course, be filled by the promotion of Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. Hunter, K.C.B., D.S.O., commanding the Western Command, India.

The proposal to hand the Royal Garrison Artillery over to the Admiralty is to be held in abeyance for the present. While the navy will be responsible for the submarine defence of naval harbours and mercantile ports, the actual coast defences by Royal Artillery and infantry will remain in charge of the War-office. This, it is said, will continue until the Admiralty are prepared to undertake the whole responsibilities of defence, subject, of course, to any limitations which the Defence Committee may impose as belonging more correctly to the army.

The King has approved the appointment of Maj.-Gen. Charles Henry Scott, C.B., Inspector-General of Ordnance in India, as a member of the Council of the Governor-General, to take charge of the Military Supply Department. Maj.-Gen. Scott, who was first appointed to the Ordnance Department in India in 1875, has held official posts in India under six viceroys. He served in the Tirah campaign in 1897 as senior ordnance officer, and received the medal and the C.B. He has also held the appointment of ordnance consulting officer at the India-office. Maj.-Gen. Scott is 57 years of age, and has 37 years' service.—N. and M. Record.

## THE SPEECHES OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR AND THE GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

The *Ostasiatische Lloyd's* Berlin correspondent sent the following, which the editor of the *Ostasiatische Lloyd* desires us to publish—

The speeches, made by the German Emperor at Dresden and in Berlin at the ceremony of the unveiling of the Moltke monument, to the effect that the German Army should hold itself in readiness for war, have been much commented upon in foreign countries and especially in France as "warlike." If "warlike" is to be understood to mean enjoin for war and longing to bring it about, then this view of the Emperor's speeches is absolutely false. But if by that word it is to be understood that the Emperor has in mind the possibility of warlike developments, the view is a correct one.

That the German Emperor has no Napoleonic inclinations, he has proved during his reign of more than seventeen years; more than once during this period the opportunity has been afforded him of bringing about a war with every appearance of right. But the Emperor has no leanings towards a policy of adventure and again, he is a pronounced friend of the development of German trade as, indeed, his personal interest clearly proves. He is, however, well aware that a war would weaken Germany's trade, for the simple reason that the German Navy is far from being in the position to protect German commerce like the British Navy can guard British interests. A further proof that Germany is cherishing no warlike plans, may be gathered from the fact that the district for next year's manoeuvres, Liegnitz, has already been selected, a region far removed from the north-east of Germany as well as also from the sea of Germany. There is, therefore, just as little idea of demonstrating in Schleswig-Holstein against the landing of English troops, presumed by M. Delcasse, as there is of demonstrating against the French Army in Alsace-Lorraine.

On the other hand it cannot be disputed that the Emperor and his Government regard the situation as very serious. They have also good cause to do so. As far as France is concerned that country has declared, after protracted discussions, its assent to the Moroccan Conference, and the convention afforded sufficient proof that public opinion in France, even among the ultra-radical politicians (reference need only be made to the expressions of M. Clemenceau as published by English journals), has never lost sight of the idea of winning back Alsace-Lorraine, and that a war to recover this territory has been prevented hitherto, not so much by the French love of peace as by the fear of the superiority of the German Army. Directly, however, the French think themselves certain of English support, this fear may disappear. But when Lord Lansdowne said to the German Ambassador on Jan. 19th, that in case Germany attacked France the English Government would support France, if compelled by the force of public opinion, the French may well have become convinced in spite of the conditional clauses of the actual assistance of England.

For the two clauses "the pressure of public opinion" does not mean much. In a war it is difficult to determine who is the aggressor and who the attacked. When Frederick the Great in 1740 invaded Saxony, he was *de facto*, i.e., to all appearances, the aggressor, morally he was the attacked, because only in this way could he defend himself from being overpowered by the coalition of his opponents. The Japanese were actuated by similar motives in their attack upon the Russian fleet in February, 1904. Thus the question whether Germany, in the case of a war with France, is the attacking or the attacked party, may be represented by English statesmen in such a way at any time they may deem fit. And then as to the measure of public opinion! He would be a very poor statesman who within a week could not produce the public opinion to suit his purpose. When crowds of people streamed through the streets of Paris in July 1870, shouting "a Berlin," the supporters of the Government spoke of public opinion, but their opponents declared that it was a question of being paid to shout.

Thus the conditional clauses of Lord Lansdowne's statement give the Government no guarantee, and hence the German Emperor, however disinclined to declare he may be, is never enough to warn his army to keep its powder dry.

## SIR OLIVER LODGE ON MYSTERIES OF BEING.

Sir Oliver Lodge, delivering an address on "Science and Religion" in the hall attached to the City Temple, said that the object of his address was to give his hearers a few keys or clues to what might be called the solution of the philosophy of the universe. He was quite aware that he might be mistaken in all manner of cases, and they were not likely to take him as infallible. There were four keys he wished to touch upon—consciousness, persistence, evolution, and control. As to the oneness, it had become almost discovered that all forms of matter reduced themselves to one, and as to life, all knew that the various species merged into one another. Then, going higher, it might be said that the Deity was not to be considered apart from the universe. Evolution was a puzzle; why if things had existed from eternity we were not perfect. If the doctrine of the oneness of the universe and of the Deity was applied, he thought we ought to feel that the struggle and effort which we were conscious of as the most aspect of ourselves was not justified to us. We ought to feel that we had attained even to the Deity, and that things were being brought on as fast as they could be, and that the fact of evolution working towards something more perfect than we could contrive was not to be despised and put down as an artificial idea (applause). In regard to his fourth key, control, he pointed out that we could guide things and produce results as could other animals. We employed forces and energies as the capitalist employed labour. We directed terrestrial energy. Still, there was the ever-puzzling question of the reconciliation of free will with foreknowledge. We made machines, and they obeyed certain laws. The Deity had made us. Why did we go wrong? We were not machines, and were never meant to be. The Deity had a problem before Him which we could only dimly understand. It was the problem of the manufacture of free agents, agents who could not be coerced, with wills which the whole forces of the universe could not coerce. What the human race would be we could not guess, but we all realised the privilege and responsibility of existence. Existence could not cease to be. The dignity of life was the thing that impressed him most, and in our power of choosing good or evil we approached much nearer the divine. If asked what was the essential element in Christianity he would say "the Divinity of man, the humanity of God" (applause).

The Russian Ministry of War has made a demand for the transference of the Chinese Eastern Railway into its complete control, on the ground that this line is, above all else, strategic.

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[1886]

## SHANGHAI MIXED COURT.

FIGHT BETWEEN POLICE AND RUNNERS.

EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENTS.

The N. C. Daily News of Dec 9th reports—

The tension between the Municipal authorities and those of the Mixed Court reached a climax yesterday morning, when an attempt to carry out contradictory orders from the Bench led unfortunately to an exchange of blows between the Municipal Police and the native runners.

There was a preliminary to yesterday's occurrence on Thursday, when the magistrate (Mr. Kuau), after making another futile protest against the presence of the police cadet in Court, and his supervision of the proper execution of the sentence of the Court, related by sending a runner to the Central Police Station to see that they did their duty there properly. The selected runner, a long and presumably rather belligerent day in the courtyard of the Central Police Station, where he was allowed to remain unmolested. We understand, indeed, that a letter was sent from the Council to Mr. Kuau congratulating him on the interest he had suddenly taken in police administration and offering his representative every facility for gaining useful information.

Circumvented in this attempt in his policy of annoyance, a policy which Mr. Kuau has himself declared he has orders from the Tao-tai to pursue, it would seem that only the opportunity was wanted to force matters to a more serious issue. There are indications in fact that yesterday's disorder was premeditated. Early in the session the magistrate had a difference with the British Assessor (Mr. Twyman) over a case, which had, he said, been ordered for hearing on another date, and which he now refused to hear. The real trouble came, however, when two women and three men were put before the Court on charges of kidnapping girls from their homes in Szechuan. Fifteen young girls, who were to be the witnesses in the case, had been cured by the Municipal police, and were brought to the Court in their charge. When the case came to be remanded the Assessor marked the charge sheet "Children to go to the Door of Hope pro tem" and instructed the police to take them there. Mr. Kuau, however, wished to keep the children in the Mixed Court cells, and gave his orders to the runners to take them away. The runners went to remove the children, but the police, under instructions from their cadet officer, Mr. Fenton, refused to give them up. There was some hustling and one of the runners struck Inspector Gibson in the eye. This started a general fight, in which the police were victorious and carried off the children and prisoners to their cells in the yard.

During the fight Mr. King, the assistant magistrate, was heard shouting from the Bench to the native municipal constables and detectives in Chinese, that they were Chinese subjects and if they resisted the magistrate's orders they would be severely punished. The native constables, however, appear to have considered their first duty lay to their employers.

The riot was sufficiently serious to induce Mr. Fenton to go to the telephone to send a message for reinforcements. He had used the instrument an hour before and it was then all right, but now the mouthpieces were nowhere to be found. This may have been a coincidence merely. At all events it did not render the telephone unusable. The gates of the compound leading into the road were, however, shut by the Municipal police, and were then standing in the middle of the Court. Mr. Fenton went to ask that the gate be opened to allow the vans to go out, whereupon the magistrate turned on him in a perfect fury, and told him that he might break the gates open and destroy the Court itself. "You may trample on my body," he added, and then strode away. The gates were subsequently opened, and the children removed. The sitting of the Court had, of course, been abruptly suspended.

It had been arranged to set apart the morning for the trial of the case, but it is at least doubtful if it will proceed to-day. So far as is known the only casualties in the fight were sustained by Insp. Gibson and a runner, both of whom were slightly damaged. The incident caused great excitement yesterday both in foreign and native circles. We learn that a meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce is called for this morning, and that several of the principal guilds are also to hold meetings to protest against the treatment sustained by the Chinese magistrates. A wild statement is being industriously circulated that Mr. King was hit over the head by one of the police.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report—

On the 13th at 12.20 p.m. The barometer has risen in Japan, and is inclined to fall again over China.

The depression is still shown over the Pacific to the N.E. of Japan and the high pressure area appears to be lying over the Yangtze.

The monsoon will moderate in the Formosa Channel, but continue to blow strongly over the China Sea.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1905. [2517]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1905. [2318]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,  
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TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),  
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50 Cases SCOTCH WHISKY,  
50 Cases COGNAC,  
10 Cases BUTTER,  
and  
25 Cases LAUNDRY SOAPS.  
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HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1905. [2319]

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3 LADY'S and GENT'S BICYCLES,  
and  
2 IRON SAFES,  
&c., &c., &c.  
TERMS—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1905. [2320]



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"CHINA,"  
Captain Tomkinson will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 22nd inst., at NOON.  
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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ARAGONIA,"  
FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.  
S. SILVERSTONE,  
Acting General Agent.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [13]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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All Claims for damage must be sent in before the 19th inst., or they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned, on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [9-10]

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1905. 2736

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1905. 2538

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MEMBERS wishing to have Stabling and Stand accommodation in the enclosure for the forthcoming RACE MEETING are requested to apply to the undersigned on or before Saturday, the 16th December, 1905.  
By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Court,  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. 2742

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS for Hongkong for the above Society, in the place of Mr. F. KIENE, whose engagement has been terminated.  
J. T. HAMILTON,  
General Manager for the East.  
Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2573]

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HEAD OFFICE: MOORGATE STREET, LONDON

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J. T. HAMILTON,  
Manager for the East.  
Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. 2574

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

AFTER EXAMINATION, the Chartered Accountants have certified to the Directors of the EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY of the United States that the Society's ASSETS are realisable as claimed. In all, on 30th September, these Assets amount to \$116,000,000.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. [2711]

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

MESSRS. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers of the above Society, have received from the Society's Head Office the following Telegram—  
"Accountant further certified surplus 67 millions. Financial Condition is unquestionable."  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1905. [2757]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that practice from MOVABLE ARMAMENT GUNS will be carried out as under—

MONDAY, 13th inst., from 6.41 P.M. to 8.30 P.M., if range clear—Night Firing from Albion Battery Stonecutters to riggeret on, to Chung Hui and into Tsim-shan Bay.

TUESDAY, 14th inst., from 11 A.M. to 12 Noon, if range clear—From a Gun on Wang Chai to targets placed on Round Island and Middle Island.

WEDNESDAY, 15th inst., from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M., if range clear—From Guns at High West to Targets placed at West end of Lamna Island.

By Command,  
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1905. 2314

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 60 of 1905.

Re THE WONG CHEUNG KEE Firm, lately carrying on business at No. 218, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants.

Debtors,  
Experte THE WING FUNG LUNG Firm, the KWONG LEE LEE Firm, the CHUI LEE LEE Firm, the KAM FUNG MEE Firm, and the PAN CHAN Firm, Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF A BANKRUPTCY PETITION filed the 24th day of November, 1905.

To THE WONG CHEUNG KEE Firm lately carrying on business at No. 218, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants.

TAKE NOTICE that a BANKRUPTCY PETITION has been presented against you to the Supreme Court by the WING FUNG LUNG Firm, the KWONG LEE LEE Firm, the CHUI LEE LEE Firm, the KAM FUNG MEE Firm, and the PAN CHAN Firm, Creditors.

WING CHUI YUEN, Firm of No. 124, Connaught Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid, Merchants, the KWONG LEE LEE Firm of No. 301, Des Vaux Road Central, aforesaid, Merchants, the CHUI LEE LEE Firm of No. 2, Eastern Street, Victoria, aforesaid, Merchants, the KAM FUNG MEE Firm of No. 144, Connaught Road Central, aforesaid, Merchants, and the PAN CHAN Firm of No. 225, Des Vaux Road West, aforesaid, Merchants, and the Court has on the 23rd day of November, 1905, ordered that the posting of a copy of the said petition and a copy of the order at the Court House door, Victoria, aforesaid, and at No. 218, Des Vaux Road Central, aforesaid, your usual or last known place of business within this Colony and also the publication of this notice in one English and one Chinese newspaper in circulation in this Colony shall be deemed to be service of the said petition upon you; and further take notice that the said petition will be heard at this Court on THURSDAY, the 14th day of December, 1905, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear; and if you do not appear the Court may make a receiving order against you in your absence.

The petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court.

Witness this 23rd day of November, 1905.

J. W. LEE-JONES,  
Deputy Registrar.

Messrs. BRUTON, HETT & GOLDING,  
Nos. 39, 41 and 43, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong,  
Solicitors for the above-named Creditors. 2737

## INTIMATIONS

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th DECEMBER, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to the 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 16th December, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JAMES WHITTALL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1905. [2682]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

## LOST.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 3025 for TEN SHARES numbered 17986 to 17990 and 4271 to 4275 inclusive, standing in the Register in the name of EDWARD SHELLIM, of Hongkong, having been LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said CERTIFICATE be produced at the Office of the Company, 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the Seventeenth day of December, 1905, a new Certificate for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 18th November, 1905. [2608]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, No. 1, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon when the subjoined resolution will be proposed—

"That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$3,100,000 by the creation of 2,400 additional ordinary shares of \$250 each (whereof \$100 shall be credited as paid up) ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that (the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to those shareholders of the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., who have accepted or shall accept at the Office of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, on the 25th August, 1905, such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the balance, if any, of the said additional shares be disposed of by the Board in such manner as it shall think most beneficial to the Society."

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1905.

By Order of the Board,  
W. J. SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.  
2773

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undermentioned CERTIFICATES Nos. N.S. 1653/1861 dated Shanghai 17th July, 1900, for FOUR HUNDRED AND THREE SHARES of the Bank registered at the SHANGHAI BRANCH in the name of TONG SHOU PANG (now deceased), have been LOST and should these certificates not be produced before the 29th day of December, 1905, NEW CERTIFICATES for the Shares will be issued by the SHANGHAI BRANCH and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. N.S. 1653/1861 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

No. N.S. 1653 for 50 Shares numbered 49728/37, 49729/38, 49730/39, 49731/40, 49732/41, 49733/42, 49734/43, 49735/44, 49736/45, 49737/46, 49738/47, 49739/48, 49740/49, 49741/50, 49742/51, 49743/52, 49744/53, 49745/54, 49746/55, 49747/56, 49748/57, 49749/58, 49750/59, 49751/60, 49752/61, 49753/62, 49754/63, 49755/64, 49756/65, 49757/66, 49758/67, 49759/68, 49760/69, 49761/70, 49762/71, 49763/72, 49764/73, 49765/74, 49766/75, 49767/76, 49768/77, 49769/78, 49770/79, 49771/80, 49772/81, 49773/82, 49774/83, 49775/84, 49776/85, 49777/86, 49778/87, 49779/88, 49780/89, 49781/90, 49782/91, 49783/92, 49784/93, 49785/94, 49786/95, 49787/96, 49788/97, 49789/98, 49790/99, 49791/100, 49792/101, 49793/102, 49794/103, 49795/104, 49796/105, 49797/106, 49798/107, 49799/108, 49800/109, 49801/110, 49802/111, 49803/112, 49804/113, 49805/114, 49806/115, 49807/116, 49808/117, 49809/118, 49810/119, 49811/120, 49812/121, 49813/122, 49814/123, 49815/124, 49816/125, 49817/126, 49818/127, 49819/128, 49820/129, 49821/130, 49822/131, 49823/132, 49824/133, 49825/134, 49826/135, 49827/136, 49828/137, 49829/138, 49830/139, 49831/140, 49832/141, 49833/142, 49834/143, 49835/144, 49836/145, 49837/146, 49838/147, 49839/148, 49840/149, 49841/150, 49842/151, 49843/152, 49844/153, 49845/154, 49846/155, 49847/156, 49848/157, 49849/158, 49850/159, 49851/160, 49852/161, 49853/162, 49854/163, 49855/164, 49856/165, 49857/166, 49858/167, 49859/168, 49860/169, 49861/170, 49862/171, 49863/172, 49864/173, 49865/174, 49866/175, 49867/176, 49868/177, 49869/178, 49870/179, 49871/180, 49872/181, 49873/182, 49874/183, 49875/184, 49876/185, 49877/186, 49878/187, 49879/188, 49880/189, 49881/190, 49882/191, 49883/192, 49884/193, 49885/194, 49886/195, 49887/196, 49888/197, 49889/198, 49890/199, 49891/200, 49892/201, 49893/202, 49894/203, 49895/204, 49896/205, 49897/206, 49898/207, 49899/208, 49900/209, 49901/210, 49902/211, 49903/212, 49904/213, 49905/214, 49906/215, 49907/216, 49908/217, 49909/218, 49910/219, 49911/220, 49912/221, 49913/222, 49914/223, 49915/224, 49916/225, 49917/226, 49918/227, 49919/228, 49920/229, 49921/230, 49922/231, 49923/232, 49924/233, 49925/234, 49926/235, 49927/236, 49928/237, 49929/238, 49930/239, 49931/240, 49932/241, 49933/242, 49934/243, 49935/244, 49936/245, 49937/246, 49938/247, 49939/248, 49940/249, 49941/250, 49942/251, 49943/252, 49944/253, 49945/254, 49946/255, 49947/256, 49948/257, 49949/258, 49950/259, 49951/260, 49952/261, 49953/262, 49954/263, 49955/264, 49956/265, 49957/266, 49958/267, 49959/268, 49960/269, 49961/270, 49962/271, 49963/272, 49964/273, 49965/274, 49966/275, 49967/276, 49968/277, 49969/278, 49970/279, 49971/280, 49972/281, 49973/282, 49974/283, 49975/284, 49976/285, 49977/286, 49978/287, 49979/288, 49980/289, 49981/290, 49982/291, 49



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HIRE OR CREDIT.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. (273)

## BANKS

### INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Fiscal Agents of the United States in China and the Philippine Islands and the Republic of Panama.

CAPITAL AND RESERVE FUNDS: \$10,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL: \$2,500,000  
RESERVE FUND: \$7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: New York.  
LONDON OFFICE: Threshold House, E.C.  
BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

LONDON BANKERS.  
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED.  
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.  
BRITISH LINEN COMPANY BANK.

The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives deposits in Current Account and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 3 1/2 " " " "  
" 3 " 3 " " " "

H. PINCKNEY, Manager.  
2, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, 29th September, 1905. 2401

### THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED (INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED: Yen 5,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP: 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS: Amoy, Anping, Foochow, Keelung, Kobe, Nagasaki, Osaka, Shanghai, Tainan, Yokohama.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 4, QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received on terms which may be learnt of application.

S. SHIGENAGA, Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. (2478)

### THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP: £800,000  
RESERVE FUND: £800,000  
RESERVE FUND: £875,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. on the Daily balances, 6 Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent. " 6 " 3 1/2 " " " "  
" 3 " 3 " " " "

T. P. COCHRANE, Manager.  
Hongkong, 18th May, 1905. 29

## BANKS

### THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL: £1,500,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL: £1,250,000  
RESERVE FUND: £1,100,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. on the Daily balances, 6 Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. " 6 " 3 1/2 " " " "  
" 3 " 3 " " " "

A. R. LINTON, Acting Manager.  
Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. 26

### THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED: Yen 24,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP: 18,000,000  
CAPITAL UNPAID: 6,000,000  
RESERVE FUND: 8,910,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS: Tokyo, Kobe, Nagasaki, Osaka, Lyons, New York, London, Honolulu, Bombay, San Francisco, Tientsin, Newchwang, Shanghai, Peking, Mukden, Dalny, Chetoo, Tie-ling, Port Arthur.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.  
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5 1/2 per cent. " 6 " 3 1/2 " " " "  
" 3 " 3 " " " "

TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.  
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1905. 27

### HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1902.

### DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL: Sh. Tels. 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Berlin, Calcutta, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Tientsin, Tientsin, Yokohama.

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DIRECTOR DER DISCONTO-GESELLSCHAFT: DEUTSCHE BANK S. BLEICHROEDER. BERLINER HANDELS-GESELLSCHAFT. BANK FÜR HANDEL UND INDUSTRIE. ROBERT WARSCHAUER & CO. MENDELSSOHN & CO. M. A. VON ROTHSCHILD & SOHNE. JACOB S. H. STERN. NORDDEUTSCHE BANK IN HAMBURG, HAMBURG. SAL. OPPENHEIM, JR. & CO. KÖLN. BAYERISCHE HYPOTHEKEN-UND WECHSELBANK, MÜNCHEN.

LONDON BANKERS: Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SON; THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT.  
DIREKTION DER DISCONTO-GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

HUGO SUTTER, Sub-Manager.  
Hongkong 9th September, 1905. (82)

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL: \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND: \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND: \$18,500,000  
RESERVE FUND: \$18,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS: H. A. W. SLADE, Esq.—Chairman. A. HAUPT, Esq.—Deputy Chairman. Hon. C. W. Dickson, Esq. F. Salinger, Esq. E. Goetz, Esq. E. Shelton, Esq. C. R. Longman, Esq. N. A. Siebs, Esq. G. H. Medhurst, Esq. Hon. R. Shawan. A. J. Raymond, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER: Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.  
MANAGER: Shanghai—H. E. R. Hunter.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balances.  
On Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum. For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1905. 23

## HEADACHES BANISHED.

### BILE BEANS EFFECTIVE.

You have headache! Is it in the forehead, and does it come if you press it? If so, that's neuralgia headache. Is it in the forehead or on one side of the head only? If so, it's what doctors call "migrain" and arises from want of tone in the system. Is it general and accompanied by sickness, forl breath, constipation, etc.? If so, it's bilious headache, and arises from excessive secretion of bile. All these headaches are traceable, you see, either to stomach weakness, which lets the system get run down (resulting in neuralgia or migrain), or to liver disorder, which deranges bile secretion and causes a bilious headache. Bile Beans act directly on the liver and stomach, and cure headache by removing its cause.

Proof of this is supplied by Mr. T. Williams, of Union-street, Newtown, Sydney, who says:—"I have proved Bile Beans to be a thoroughly reliable medicine. I suffered with severe headache, accompanied by throbbing pains, and rushing of blood to my head. At these times I suffered intense agony. Seeing Bile Beans advertised as a cure for headache, I decided to try them, with the result that my trouble was completely banished. I never fail to commend Bile Beans to fellow sufferers."

Bile Beans are a cure for indigestion, anæmia, weakness, female ailments, heat, fag, neuralgia, lumbago, rheumatism, debility, palpitation, pain in the back, piles, constipation, sleeplessness, loss of appetite, liver complaint, headache, flatulence, pimples, skin eruptions and all ailments having a common origin in impurity of blood. (Call chemists and medicine vendors. Price 75 cents (Mex.) per bottle. 241-7

## JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BONDS.

### THE NEW FOREIGN ISSUE.

The issue is officially announced by Imperial Ordinance No. 241 of the new 4-per-cent. foreign bonds to the amount of £50,000,000, or Yen 500,000,000, the object of the issue being the consolidation of the national debt partly by the redemption of the 6-per-cent. bonds. It is stated that half the amount will be issued at 90 and the syndicate's commission will be 2 1/2, so that the amount to be received by the Government will be £38 per £100. The object of this issue is the exchange or redemption of the foreign bonds issued in May and November of last year for £22,000,000, and bearing 6 per cent. interest.

In case of 6-per-cent. bonds being exchanged for 4-per-cent., payment will be made of the balance in cash. The time and price of the issue of the balance of £28,000,000 will be determined by the Minister for Finance.

The contract for the new issue was signed on the 23rd inst. and approved by the Emperor on the following day. The first issue of £25,000,000 for consolidation of the national debt was to be placed on the European market yesterday.

The issuing price of foreign bonds since last year are compared as follows:—

First—6 per cent. Issued at 93 1/2; 2 1/2 per cent. commission; actual value received, 90.  
Second—6 per cent. Issued at 90 1/2; Commission, 3 1/2; actual amount received, 86 1/2.  
Third and Fourth—4 1/2 per cent. Issued at 90; Commission, 3 1/2; actual amount received, 86 1/2.  
Sixth (the new bonds)—4 1/2 per cent. Issued at 90; Commission, 2 per cent.; actual amount to be received, 88.

## THE WINE CROP.

Messrs. Cutler, Palmer & Co., of London and India, send us as usual their report on this year's vintage. They say:—"Nowhere are we able to report a really satisfactory result, owing more particularly to the extremes of weather both at and before the gathering of the grapes. The year cannot, we think, be classed as a good 'vintage' year. We subjoin special references to most of the wine growing countries."

Bordeaux.—The flowering took place under excellent conditions, and influenced by a very favourable temperature, the vineyards showed a more beautiful appearance than we have known for many years. Unfortunately, in the Autumn, a succession of rainy days impeded the gathering in, and affected the quality of the wine, which though sound and very saleable, will be considerably behind the vintage of the previous year. "This vintage, which produced 2,000,000 hogheads, has developed in a most satisfactory manner, and may, indeed, be described as remarkable."

Burgundy.—The gathering of the grapes took place in fair weather and the quantity produced is that of an average year. The wine shows good colour and bouquet, but is very much lighter in body than that of 1904.

Champagne.—The vintage could not have taken place under worse circumstances, the weather being cold and wet throughout the gathering of the grapes. The wines of the year 1905 will be thin and green, and it is fortunate that we have such a fine vintage as that of 1904, to follow the 1905.

Saumur.—Up to the end of May the vines were backward and fears were entertained of a shot crop. Favourable weather, however, ensued, and a satisfactory yield has been obtained with premises of quality.

Cognac.—The gathering of the grapes took place in very unfavourable and rainy weather, necessitating very careful selection. The quantity is rather less than that of last year, but there is a general belief that the quality will nevertheless be good.

Germany.—The flowering took place under propitious circumstances, but excessive heat during the end of the summer caused much damage, the "peronospora" and other parasites destroying a great deal of the yield. The degree of sugar in the "must" is certainly less than normal, but we think a sound clean wine can be expected, in quality equal to that of 1903.

Portugal.—Our advice from the district are not as reassuring as we could wish. The gathering commenced generally on 2nd October, and during the whole vintage the weather was perfect. In the best situations good "mostos" have resulted, and undoubtedly some fine wines have been made, but the quantity is less by about one third of that of last year.

Spain.—The great drought that existed all through the year at Jerez, has not exercised the disastrous effect upon the grapes that was anticipated, the quality promises to be good and the yield a fair average one. The replanted vineyards are beginning to yield—much better results and in a few years will help to fill the gap caused by the destruction of the vine by the "phylloxera."

Spanish Port or "Tarragona."—Owing to no rain falling between February and the beginning of September, the vines languished for want of moisture. The full results we cannot now give, but we expect the yield will not be less than that of last year, and that the quality will be equally good, though the wines cannot be quite so sweet, nor show so much alcohol.

MADEIRA.—A fine dry Spring and Summer allowed the vines to flower well, and the quality, as far as we can now judge, will be very good, and the quantity produced will be that of an average year.

Marsala.—Owing to extremes of temperature, and attacks by the "phylloxera," the vintage will be only about half of that of last year. Some of the wine, however, should turn out well.

The crop is very uneven, but on the whole we expect it to turn out fairly well.

## RUSSIA'S RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

### REFUSAL TO APPOINT AN AMBASSADOR.

Over and about the absorbing crises caused by the troubled state of the interior, the new Cabinet has to devote considerable attention to certain international questions which, without involving immediate issues of magnitude, are in some degree of importance.

The foremost of these deals with Russia's future attitude towards Japan, as affected and symbolised by diplomatic relations. Shall Russia send an Ambassador to Tokyo, or only a Minister Plenipotentiary as heretofore? When Count Witte was in Portsmouth he had several conversations with Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira respecting the future relations of the two countries, and the accredited representatives, who should maintain them. The Japanese plenipotentiary then expressed the Mikado's wish to despatch a representative of Ambassadors rank to St. Petersburg, and to have a Russian diplomatist of like rank in Tokyo. Count Witte, who desires to see cordial relations steadily established between the two great powers, telegraphed home communicating the Mikado's wish, and setting forth the desirability of casting around for a suitable diplomatist. But in St. Petersburg the matter was regarded from a different point of view, and no wish was cherished to comply with Japan's desire. Russia would continue to be represented by a mere Minister, not by an Ambassador, and the person selected for the purpose, owing to his knowledge of English, and to other considerations, some of which may seem extraneous, was M. Bokmetieff, now Minister in Sofia.

M. Bokmetieff accordingly quitted Bulgaria and repaired to the capital of Russia, where he remained several days without any practical result, for Russia, having allowed it to be known through the intermediary of French diplomacy that she insists on being represented in Tokyo by a mere Minister, and refuses to appoint an Ambassador, was contentedly informed through the same channels that Japan would prefer, for the time being, to only a mere Chargé d'Affaires to St. Petersburg, and have a Russian representative of like rank in Tokyo. Owing to the Tsar's unexpected decision M. Bokmetieff, who hoped to have his status definitely decided and his appointment confirmed, left St. Petersburg without receiving any definite answer.

Thus the matter is still in abeyance. The Minister-President, however, together with Count Lamorinière, will doubtless solve the difficulty satisfactorily as soon as he can attend to it, for he must be well aware that the appointment of simple Chargés d'Affaires would at the very outset of the peaceful era give an adverse turn to all the future relations between the two countries, and in view of the number and importance of the outstanding questions left open by the Peace Treaty might easily give rise to conflicts of a serious nature. For that reason, therefore, however, reluctant Russia may be to lead the way in recognising the new status of Japan, there is great hope that minor considerations of the nature of the present appointment will be sacrificed to the vast national and international interests which can best be served by the establishment and maintenance of good and neighbourly intercourse between the two great peoples. If this conjecture, for which I have no official grounds whatever, should prove correct, Russia's first Ambassador to Japan would still be M. Bokmetieff, who has spent more than the average number of years in the capital of Bulgaria. —Daily Telegraph.

## ASIATIC LANGUAGES.

The Prime Minister will shortly receive from those authoritative bodies, the Royal Asiatic and Central Asian Societies, an appeal which is certain to be accorded his sympathetic consideration. For a considerable period they have been working together to devise some plan to remove for this country the only too just reproach that, despite their ownership of the grandest Asiatic Empire ever created by any European nation, she remains terribly backward in facilities for teaching the languages spoken by her 300,000,000 of Indian subjects. That is the fact beyond controversy; as Dr. Grierson, the distinguished philologist, recently remarked, Anglo-Indian officers and civilians constantly take furlough in Germany in order to acquire Asiatic tongues not to be learned in England. To remedy this discreditable state of things, the Societies jointly propose the establishment in London of an Oriental institution, equipped with a thoroughly efficient staff of professors capable of imparting the requisite teaching. As the fees would have to be moderate, a state subsidy must be paid at first, but that would be a legitimate charge on the Indian revenues. It need not be of large amount either; at Berlin an annual payment of £3,000 suffices, in addition to low fees, to cover all expenses, while the cost is still less at Paris and St. Petersburg. But even if twice that amount had to be furnished to the London institution, the immense benefit accruing to India would be very cheaply purchased, even from the mere monetary standpoint. It is wholly indefensible that English officers of Sikh and Pathan regiments cannot converse with the rank and file in their vernacular, and even more discreditable that the hybrid Hindustani has generally to be used in conversation with Afghans and other provincials who do not speak it.

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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

ARAGONIA, German str., 5,423, John Ernst, 13th Dec.,—Moj 8th Dec., Flour.—P. M. S. S. Co.

DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., 900, H. Ohta, 13th Dec.,—Tamsui, Amoy, and Swatow 12th Dec.,—General.—Osaka Kaisha.

DUMERIA, British transport, 3,457, J. Smith, 13th Dec.,—Southampton 4th Nov. and Singapore 7th Dec.

MERFEO, Chinese str., 1,321, R. Stephen, 13th Dec.,—Shanghai 10th Dec., General.—Chinese.

PALEMO, British str., 4,908, E. G. Andrews, 13th Dec.,—Kobe 8th Dec., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

PAOTING, British str., 1,773, J. Cogan, 13th Dec.,—Wuhu 8th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

SIMLA, British 4-m. barque, 2,877, Carson, 13th Dec.,—Cardiff 4th July, Patent Fuel.—Naval Yard.

STENTOR, British str., 4,308, Chas. Jackson, 13th Dec.,—Singapore 7th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

THILAPAT, Dutch str., 2,475, H. Koops, 13th Dec.,—Amoy 12th Dec., General.—Java-China-Japan Line.

WATHORA, British str., 1,167, W. Brown, 12th Dec.,—Penang 2nd Dec., Singapore 5th and Hallow 11th, General.—Chinese.

## CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office, 13th December.

Haiching, British str., for Swatow.

Hailan, French str., for Pakhoi.

Progres, German str., for Shanghai.

Steiner, British str., for Shanghai.

Tungus, German str., for Tientsin.

## DEPARTURES.

13th December.

ANDRIE RUMBER, Ger. str., for Bangkok.

ANPING MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.

BENAVON, British str., for Nagasaki.

CLAYTON, British str., for Calcutta.

EMMA LUYKEN, German str., for Canton.

EXPRESS OF JAPAN, British str., for Vancouver.

GLENNHURST, British str., for Shanghai.

KUUKANG, British str., for Shanghai.

MONTROSE, British str., for Shanghai.

PAKAWAN, British str., for Shanghai.

PROFIT, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.

HALZIGH, U.S. cruiser, for Manila.

TINGRANG, British str., for Shanghai.

WILKINSON, German str., for Sydney.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Stentor* reports: Moderate moonsoon, cloudy and overcast.

The British str. *Progres* reports: Strong moonsoon and dull overcast weather.

The Japanese str. *Daijin Maru* reports: Overcast weather with N.E. moonsoon.

The Chinese str. *Meyfo* reports: Had Moderate to fresh N.E. winds and cloudy fine weather.

The German str. *Arangona* reports: During the voyage we had very stormy weather and it took us 21 and a half days to make the trip over to Yokohama. Down the coast we had mostly fine weather.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

13th December.

ABERDEEN DOCK.—*Clara Jehen*.

KOWLOON DOCK.—H.M.S. *Henty*, *Eva*, H.M.S. *Virago*, H.M.S. *Whiting*, *Germatia*, *Paula*, *Koenig*, *Hilary*.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—*Laertes*, *Hawker*.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

## THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING," Captain A. E. Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports TO DAY, the 14th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [275]

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## THE Steamship

"CAPRI," Captain B. Sclio, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 14th inst., at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. [4]

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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1905. About 14th Dec. 3rd Jan.

"LOTHIAN" ... .. 14th Dec.

"ATHOLL" ... .. 3rd Jan.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, 30th November, 1905. 2105-2135.

## BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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## THE Company's Steamship

"ISMALIA," Captain Stebbing, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. 2783

## FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

## THE Steamship

"BRISGAVIA," Captain Russ, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 18th inst., at 5 P.M.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. 2805

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PALEMO	Brit. str.	—	E. G. Andrews	P. & O. S. N. Co.*	To-morrow, P.M.
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	SIMLA	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 16th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	TYDEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	ARMAND BEHIC	Frencr.	—	Gaiguier	MRS. GERRIES MARITIMES	On 26th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES & LONDON	BENJAMON	Brit. str.	—	Henderson	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 23rd inst.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	PRINZ HEINRICH	Ger. str.	—	Grosch	MELCHERS & CO.	On 20th inst. at Noon.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SITONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	H. Drehermer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 22nd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Wunnenborg	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 10th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BRISGAVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Russ	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 24th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 7th Feb.
TRISTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIPPON	Brit. str.	—	L. Soich	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 28th inst., P.M.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	LOTHIAN	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 14th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	INDRANT	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 21st inst.
NEW YORK & BOSTON	COLUMBIA	Brit. str.	—	Henry	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	About 2nd Jan.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	NUBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 11th Jan.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 10th Jan.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 24th Jan.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	LYRA	Am. str.	—	G. V. Williams	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On 27th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) SEATTLE, &c. VIA JAPAN	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan.
SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN	MINNESOTA	Am. str.	—	J. H. Rüder	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 19th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ARAGONIA	Ger. str.	—	Ernst	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	About 16th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO	DAKOTA	Brit. str.	—	Rose	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. G. McArthur	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	Waltenas	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 22nd inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 16th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BRISGAVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	C. L. Daniel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 18th inst., at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHINA	Am. str.	—	Runs	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TAIYUEN	Ger. str.	1 m.	Toborovich	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at Noon.
FOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DECIWA	Ger. str.	—	A. Hanson	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at 10 A.M.
TAMSIU VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	Schlaifer	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at 10 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Ohta	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	FAITHFUL	Ger. str.	—	S. Tagami	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	LONGSANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	H. A. Haraldson	DOUGLAS LAPEAUX & CO.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
MANILA	TAIYUEN	Ger. str.	—	A. E. Hodgins	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
MANILA VIA AMOY	LEONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
MANILA	TAIYUEN	Ger. str.	—	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst.
CEBU & ILOILO	RUBEN	Brit. str.	—	E. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	CHONGKIANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
SINGAPORE & RANGOON	SUISANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	ISMAILIA	Brit. str.	—	Stobbing	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	GREGORY AFGAR	Brit. str.	—	D. G. Olcott	D. G. SAMPSON & CO., LD.	On 19th inst., at 3 P.M.
JAVA PORTS	CAPIRI	Ital. str.	—	Beloito	CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
	TULITJAP	Dut. str.	—	—	JAYA-CHIN & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "SUISANG" ... Friday, 15th Dec., 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1905.

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Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the *M.S. Catalonia*, due in London on 27th January.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent, Hongkong, 4th December, 1905. [1]

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FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

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"BENLOMOND," Captain Henderson, will be despatched as above on or about the 23rd inst.

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For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, 6th December, 1905. [3]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship

"DAKOTAH," Captain Ross, will be despatched for the above port on or about TUESDAY, 19th January.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 21st November, 1905. [2625]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE

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2nd Floor, 16, Victor Street, Hongkong, 7th October, 1904. 21



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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"FRIEDRICH"	On 31st January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"FRIEDRICH"	On 2nd January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"SAINT BEDE"	On 2nd January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLOS"	On 9th January.	
HOMEWARDS.		STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HECTOR"	On 19th December.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 20th December.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TYDEUS"	On 2nd January.	
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HAMA	"NINGCHOW"	On 1st February.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA and PACIFIC COAST	"JASON"	On 7th December.
	"TYDEUS"	On 26th December.
	"PINGSUEY"	On 26th January.

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FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	On 15th December.
SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	On 16th December.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 19th December.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 22nd December.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	On 27th December.
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VIA

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LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Wednesday, December 27th
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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SITHONIA	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 22nd Dec. Freight.
Capt. Dreher	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
AMBRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 10th Jan. Freight.
Capt. Winnenberg	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
BRISGAVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 24th Jan. Freight.
Capt. Russ	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
RHENANIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 7th Feb. Freight & Passengers.
Capt. Forck	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
NUBIA	NEW YORK via SURZ	About 11th Jan. Freight.
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STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
PRINZ HEINRICH	30th December 1905
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	3rd January 1906
GNEISENAU	17th January
ROON	31st January
PREUSSEN	14th February
ZIETEN	28th February
PRINZESS ALICE	14th March
BAYERN	28th March
PRINZ REGENT LUTPOLD	11th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	25th April
SACHSEN	9th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	23rd May
ROON	6th June
PREUSSEN	20th June
ZIETEN	4th July
OLDENBURG	18th July
BAYERN	1st August
PRINZ REGENT LUTPOLD	15th August
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	29th August

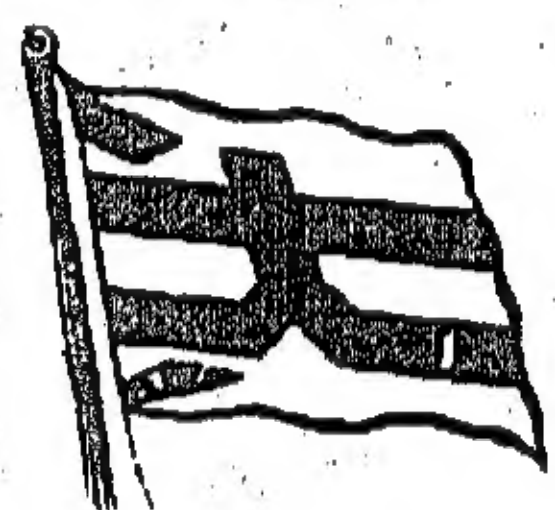
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
TAMSWI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DALIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 17th Dec., at 10 A.M.
TAMSWI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 24th Dec., at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DECIMA"	SUNDAY, 17th Dec., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"TRUMPET"	SUNDAY, 24th Dec., at 10 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"FRITHJOF"	WEDNESDAY, 27th Dec., at 10 A.M.
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T. ARIMA, Manager. [14]

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DEHLI	7000 Feb. 10	MOLDAVIA	7000 Mar. 10	Mar. 16
DONGOLA	8000 Feb. 24	MONGOLIA	10000 Mar. 24	Mar. 30
DELTA	8000 Mar. 10	MOULTAN	10000 Apr. 7	Apr. 13
OCEANA	7000 Mar. 24	MARMORA	10500 Apr. 21	Apr. 27
			May 5	May 11
ARCADIA	7000 Apr. 21	VICTORIA	7000 May 20	May 26
DEVANHA	8000 May 5	HIMALAYA	7000 June 3	June 9
DONGOLA	8000 May 19	INDIA	8000 June 17	June 23

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NUBIA	6000 Mar. 14	Mar. 23	Apr. 28
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [2709]

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [2]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [2784]

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